

Fremont Conservation Commission
2-07-11 Minutes



Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of February 7, 2011
Approved March 7, 2011

Present: Chairman John (Jack) Karcz, Members Patricia deBeer, Bill Knee, Janice O'Brien, Alternate Leanne Miner, and Alternate/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

MINUTES

Mbr. deBeer motioned to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mbr. Knee with unanimous favorable vote except for Alt. Miner who abstained as she was not present at that meeting.

BIOINVENTORY

Chrm. Karcz reported that the public informational meetings for Mark West to present the final report of the Exeter River Corridor Bio-Inventory Project in the Towns of Danville, Fremont, and Sandown were held at the Fremont Town Hall on Monday January 24, 2011 and at the Sandown Town Hall on Wednesday January 26, 2011.

VENUS JOHNSON

Map 3 Lot 054-1-7
42 Bluefish Drive

The Commission received and reviewed a copy of a Standard Dredge & Fill Application package, with the Fremont Town Clerk's signature dated January 24, 2011, as submitted to the NH DES Wetlands Bureau by Venus Johnson for her property located 42 Bluefish Drive (Map 3 Lot 054-1-7) to be allowed to construct a 6' addition that will impact 61 sf of a prime wetland buffer.

Chrm. Karcz said that on January 25, 2011 he sent a correspondence to DES requesting a 30-day delay in action to provide time for the Commission to discuss the application. The Commission has received a January 28, 2011 response from DES relating that they will suspend action on the application until it has received a written report from the Conservation Commission, or until 40 days from the date of the Town Clerk's signature has passed, whichever is first. (40 days from January 24 = March 5, 2011)

After some conversation the Members agreed to issue a letter to DES relating that the Conservation Commission stated in a comment sheet to the ZBA at the time of the August 2010 Variance public hearing, that they objected to any further encroachment to the prime wetlands. The Members agreed to

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convey to DES that they still do not desire the loss of further protection through the intrusion of the 61 sf of the Prime Wetland buffer.

Also, it was noticed that item #13 on the Standard Dredge & Fill Application erroneously said “the project has been reviewed and granted approval from the Town of Fremont Conservation Commission”. This is not true and the item needs to be corrected to read that the approval was granted by the Fremont Zoning Board of Adjustment, not the Conservation Commission.

TREASURERS REPORT/ACCOUNT BALANCES

The Members reviewed the following Treasurers reports and account balance sheets.

- November 30, 2010 which showed the transfer of \$78.04 from the residual account to the checking account; and \$78.05 paid from the checking account to Dennis Howland.
- December 31, 2010 which showed \$39.99 from the residual account to the checking account; and \$40.00 paid from the checking account to Pat deBeer.
- The balance in each account reflected interest earned for that time period.

BUDGET

The Members received and reviewed the 2011 Conservation Commission Budget which was last updated on January 7, 2011 to include the Department requests, Selectmen’s recommendations, Budget Committee recommendations and the default.

TOWN FORESTS

The Members discussed the snow-shoe hike event to be held in one of the Town Forests as per the January 10, 2011 meeting. The Members decided that this “full moon snow-shoe hike” will be held in the Glen Oakes Town Forest on March 19, 2011 beginning at 7:00 pm. In a recent e-mail Dennis Howland offered to put up flyers around Town and send out an e-mail flyer to those on his Open Space e-mail list. The Members agreed to try to have the information included in the March Newsletter if possible.

BIOTHON

The Members discussed the Fremont Biothon event that will be held at the Glen Oakes Town Forest from 7:30 am to 12 noon on May 21, 2011. Mbr. O’Brien will see if Frank Mitchell and Amanda of the UNH Cooperative Extension can attend the March 7, 2011 Conservation Commission meeting to discuss assistance and timing, and organize a work plan for the event.

Mbr. deBeer said that the Fremont Garden Club is interested in participating in the event. There was a brief conversation relative to others who may be interested. Mbr. O’Brien asked Mrs. Bolduc to send Mark West an e-mail to see if he would volunteer as a group leader. Mbr. O’Brien agreed to contact Matt Tarr from UNH Cooperative Extension to see if he will participate. At the September 20, 2010 meeting Mr. Mitchell stated that those attending would be divided into several small groups and at least 2 professionals were needed as leaders of each group.

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TRASH DAY

There was a conversation relative to organizing a trash pick-up day at the Oak Ridge Town Forest just prior to bulky day. The date for the Town's bulky day has not been announced so there was no date chosen for the trash pick-up. Mbr. deBeer reminded the group of the May 21st Biothon event and it was agreed that the trash pick-up could not be that day.

GRANT(S)

Mbr. deBeer said she applied for a grant to the Cabot Foundation in Boston for funding for land acquisition, but it was turned down. There was a conversation relative to land acquisition and grant funding.

It was noted that Conservation Commission appointment terms expiring in March of 2011 are Jack Karcz and Pat deBeer. Chrm. Karcz announced that he is not planning to renew his term. Mbr. deBeer said that she has not decided if she is going to renew her term. This prompted a conversation relative to chairmanship of the Commission and no decisions were made.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no incoming correspondence.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2011.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm.
Motion seconded by Alt. Miner with unanimous favorable vote.

Meredith Bolduc
Land Use AA/Recording Secretary